

# Family Care

## RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR SINGLE MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN

**Baptist Children's Homes has begun a new residential program to empower single mothers and their children for success!**

**Family Care offers supportive group homes for single mothers and their children.** The new program provides a goal-focused living environment within a cottage setting. Family Care is specifically structured to help mothers transition to a successful, independent living situation. Many mothers and children are among the "hidden homeless", moving from sofa to make-shift beds in homes with anyone allowing them to stay. This service will connect a mother and her family with the necessary resources and other community services needed to regain control of her life.



**Goals and Expectations...** Mothers learn the skills needed to obtain and maintain a stable home, job and income. Baptist Children's Homes' counselor and live-in residential manager assist the mother in setting and achieving family goals, developing parenting and job skills, budgeting, resolving transportational needs, and realizing spiritual growth. Mothers commit to work and/or attend school at least 30 hours per week, save a percent of their income, provide appropriate care for their children, and participate in counseling sessions provided by Family Care. Each family will be responsible for cottage chores.



*Example of residential cottage*

**Qualifications...** Mothers must be at least 18 years old and have legal custody of their children. Admission qualifications can include lack of financial stability, potential or current homelessness, few or no job skills, and little or no family support.

**Cost...** Mothers are responsible to pay a monthly \$60 program fee after their first month of residence. If outside employment has not been obtained after one month from date

of placement, the client will work 10 hours per week at the Baptist Children's Homes campus to earn credit hours to be applied toward the monthly fee.



**Keeping Families Together...** Family Care's ultimate goal is to keep mothers and their children together. Baptist Children's Homes is dedicated to providing the guidance, counseling and after care to help mothers rebuild their lives and restore their hope while caring for their children.

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